

ancestor

a relative who lived before
someone's parents and
grandparents

canoe

a narrow boat pushed along with
paddles

ceremony

an event that celebrates a special
occasion

clan

a group of families who are related

corn husk

dry covering of corn

Haudenosaunee

the "People of the Longhouse"

lacrosse

ball game played today and long ago with long-handled wooden sticks

league

a group formed that works together

leggings

covering for the legs

longhouse

an Iroquois home made out of saplings covered with tree bark

quahog

a kind of clam with a purple and white shell used to make wampum

sachem

a tribal leader chosen by the clan mothers

sacred

holy, having a special religious meaning

sapling

young, thin tree

spirit

invisible being with special powers

treaty

an agreement between governments or people

tribe

a group of people who share language, customs, beliefs and often a government

wampum

white and purple beads made out of quahog shells